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**10/501337**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER  
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR STERILISING FOOD PRODUCTS, IN PARTICULAR PUREES AND/OR CONCENTRATES

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

**Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; Form PTO-1449, International Search Report and References (4).
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Drawings (Figs. 1-3; 3 sheets); Form PCT/IPEA/409 (copy); Form PCT/RO/101 (copy); International Preliminary Examining Authority PCT Written Opinion dated June 16, 2004, International Application Number PCT/IT02/00690 (copy); WO 03/061408 A1 (copy)

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